



Are You A Public Water System?

What is a Public Water System?

“A Public Water System is a public water supply for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such system has at least fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days out of the year.”

What does that include?

“Public Water System includes any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of such system, including the operator or administrator of such system, and is used primarily in connection with such system and any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system.”

Are there different types of Public Water Systems?

A Public Water System is either a community water system or a noncommunity water system. Both nontransient and transient water systems are considered noncommunity water systems.

What do you mean by Community Water System and Noncommunity System?

“A **Community Water System** means a public water system which serves at least fifteen (15) service connections used by **year-round residents** or regularly serves at least twenty-five (25) **year-round residents**.”

“A **Noncommunity Water System** means a public water system which has at least fifteen (15) service connections used by **nonresidents** or regularly serves at least twenty-five (25) or more **nonresidents** individuals daily for at least sixty (60) days per year.”

Explain the different types of Noncommunity Water Systems

There are two types of noncommunity systems. “A **Nontransient Noncommunity Water System (NTNCWS)** means a public water system that is not a community water system which regularly serves the **same** twenty-five (25) or more persons at least six (6) months per year. A **Transient Noncommunity Water System (TWS)** means a noncommunity water system that **does not regularly serve** at least twenty-five (25) of the **same** person over six (6) months per year.”

Could you give examples ?

Community Systems include municipal water supplies, subdivisions providing their own water and mobile home parks.

Nontransient Noncommunity Systems include such locations as schools, daycare centers and factories.

Transient Noncommunity Systems can be churches, restaurants, grocery stores, and campgrounds that have water accessible to the public.

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